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back with high interest." We do not anticipate a rush of millionaires to Korea. The Morgan interests have been there for many years employing some of their superfluous wealth in the exploitation of the mineral resources of the country. When, if ever, their enterprise is sufficiently rewarded they may, perhaps, be induced to consider the afforestation proposition. But we doubt it. The article serves to remind us that all the Asiatic countries have suffered from the denudation of forests, in the same way that Korea has suffered, but Japan and Siam took measures in time to arrest the evil. The Chinese Government is now giving some attention to the subject in Manchuria. The first Chinese forest school was established at Mukden two years ago, and a recent report says that over six hundred acres have been set apart for cultivation, while 24,710 acres are to be purchased for afforestation. It was the success achieved by the German Government at Kiao-chow that enlisted the interest of the Chinese authorities. When Tsingtao was occupied by the Germans about eleven years ago, remarks the British Consul, in his last report, the hills were found bare and barren, with only a sporadic growth of scrub pine and weeds. Plans for reforestation were at once made, and about 2,265 acres have already been planted. About half of this is planted in acacias, the balance in pine, larch, walnut, oak, ash, maples, and alders. So successful has this planting been that the point has already been reached where the sale of timber can be made. It is particularly remarkable that this work should have been so successful, in view of the difficulties to which the plantation was subjected. The rainfall is light, and the lack of moisture considerably retarded the development of the trees. By far the worst enemies, however, were insects. During 1908 over seven million caterpillars were gathered by hand, smashed, covered with lime, and afterwards used as a fertiliser. In spite of these and other drawbacks, however, the work has been so successful that the Chinese Government is now undertaking forestry schemes in a number of places, under advice from German experts. This work centres about Mukden, Manchuria, where success has already been obtained with acacias, and experiments are now being made with other trees. It will be hoped that the Chinese Government's interest in afforestation will not be confined to the province of Manchuria. The Taiping Rebellion was responsible for extensive denudation of the forests in the southern provinces, but much ruthless destruction still takes place in various parts of the country, even so far away from the coastline as Yunnan. The lake region of Yunnan, a consular report tells us, would become a terrestrial paradise if only the ravages of the Chinese peasant could be checked for twenty years. There has always been a big timber trade at Foochow, and a Customs report of a few years ago contained the following reference to it:—" It seemed at one time as if the supply of timber were inexhaustible; but no afforestation act is in force, and the consequence is that timber is now comparatively scarce and the price abnormally high. It might be inferred from the number of rafts which come down the river that timber is in abundance; but such is by no means the case. The deforestation which is going on will have a very serious effect on the future prosperity of the port." The Yangtze region has the same tale to tell. The lower ports on the Yangtze have been denuded of their own natural forests and are now supplied exclusively from Hunan, while large supplies of lumber come to Shanghai from the Pacific coast of America. Mr. ARCHIBALD LITTLE in "The Far East," when mentioning the timber rafts as a feature of the Lower Yangtze writes: "The lumber is derived from the forests, remnants of which are still found in the higher mountains remote from water carriage; but as the Chinese are cutting into these from the north and the Cantonese are cutting into them from the South, not many years will pass before these, too, are exhausted, after which time China will be entirely dependent upon Puget Sound for her lumber supply, as Tientsin and the coast ports are to-day." Mr. BICKMORE, a geologist who travelled extensively in Korea, has done more than long years of corrupt administration to make Korea one of the poorest and weakest of nations on the face of the earth. "Physically," we are told, "Korea is dying because her people have denuded her mountains and have not taken the trouble to replant them with seedlings." In recent years a little has been done in that direction, but the total area of the ground which has been redressed in green is less than six-hundred acres, while there are upwards of forty million acres in Korea which need afforestation. The work has not been done on a more extensive scale because it involves a large outlay and there is no money available for the purpose. Observing that someone has recently been advertising in

groves around the Buddhist temples that only owe their preservation to the superstition of the destroyers, show what splendid timber thousands of hillsides in China might yield.

Some statesman who realises the importance of this matter could render his country great service if he would devote himself to encouraging the powers that be in the provinces to emulate the example of Manchuria, and at the same time urge upon the Government at Peking the need of a general afforestation for the whole empire of China. But we shall doubtless be told that China, like Korea, has no money available for the purpose in the government coffers.

The German Mail of the 23rd December was delivered in London on the 27th inst.

Mr. J. M. Macdoe, Consul for Peru in Hongkong, who has been transferred by his Government from Glasgow, has arrived in Hongkong, and is in residence at "King's Road," Kennedy Road.

Yesterday being Alwal Day the Rajputs held their annual sports at Kowloon. Large numbers of competitors participated in the various athletic events, and the band of the regiment played selections during the afternoon.

H.M.S. "Monmouth" returned to the Colony yesterday morning, and went into the drydock in the Naval Dockyard. As was anticipated, the ship had not reached Manila when it was decided to return for repairs, and the Service men who were going there to compete at the Carnival will now have to make other arrangements.

General Baron Oshima, Governor-General of the Kwantung Leased Territory, tendered his resignation on the 12th inst. Japanese papers state that his action is consequent upon the Government's refusal to approve recommendations made by him with reference to the administration of the territory and Japan's policy in Manchuria.

An interesting point has just been decided in the Magistracy. Two junk-masters were charged with a breach of the Sunday Working (Cargo) Ordinance by loading sand for ballast. The opinions of several authorities had been consulted between taking out the summons and the appearance of the defendants before Mr. Halifax, who held that loading sand for ballast was not a breach of the Ordinance, and the defendants were accordingly discharged.

A kidnapper was yesterday sentenced to three months' imprisonment, this light penalty being in recognition of the fact that he had assisted the police to recover the boy. The boy was stolen on the 7th December from a house in Second Street, Victoria, and information was received that he had been sold and taken to Sak Nan, near Samchun. Steps were taken to recover the boy and his recovery led to the arrest of the prisoner.

An Italian named Nicola Zanini was placed in the dock yesterday on a charge of being out of employment and having no visible means of support. He was again ordered to the House of Detention. He had been discharged, according to his story, from the House some little time ago, and was sent by the Italian Consul to Palki, where he could get nothing to do. Two of the Consuls there assisted him back to Hong Kong, where the same fate awaited him. He wishes to return to his native land.

An extensive series of thefts has just been brought to light by the Shaukiwan police. By some means the key of the godown in which copper and bronze are stored at the Taliok Dockyard came into the possession of one of the launch employees, and by this means they obtained access to the godown during the night and removed considerable quantities of the metal. However, they were discovered in the act the other night, and two men were arrested and brought before the Magistrate yesterday and remanded.

The circumstances attending the death of a Chinese prisoner in Victoria Gaol formed the subject of an inquiry at the Magistracy yesterday before Mr. E. B. Halifax sitting as coroner, and the following—Messrs. E. A. M. Williams, H. S. Bevan, and C. H. Sommerville—appeared for the deceased, who was 41 years of age, had been committed to prison for six months for returning from banishment. The jury, after hearing the evidence that death had been due to cardiac failure brought on by beriberi, returned a verdict in accordance with the evidence.

Now York Ting, the comprador of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation's Nagasaki branch, has disappeared from Nagasaki, and it is reported that he is guilty of embezzlement. He is believed to have left Nagasaki on the 9th inst. A warrant has been issued for his arrest and the police are actively engaged in attempting to discover his whereabouts. Nothing is known definitely as to the extent of the defalcations and the Bank's losses, but the usual wild rumours are being circulated, says the Nagasaki Press.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Silk or O.S.K. steamer "Mae" which left Hongkong on the 17th ult., and Yokohama on the 1st inst., arrived in New Korea on the 21st inst.

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THE GENERAL ELECTION.

LATEST RESULTS.

LONDON	January 28th
UNIONISTS	263
LIBERALS	262
LABOURITES	40
NATIONALISTS	75
Total elected	640
To be elected	30
	670

UNIONIST GAINS

... ... 124

LIBERAL GAINS

... ... 19

LABOURITES

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UNIONIST GAINS:	
Dartford	
Chersey	
Devizes	
East Grinstead	
Oundle	
Watford	
Guildford	

LIBERAL GAINS:

Durham S. E.

Gainsborough

Gainsborough counts as a Liberal gain, as the late member (Major Renton) succeeded from the Party.

FULL RETURNS.

UNIONISTS	LIBERALS
Devizes	Leigh
Chersey	Notte (S.)
Dartford	Middleton
East Grinstead	Suffolk (N.E.)
Oundle	Yeovil
Watford	Gainsborough
Guildford	Aberdeen (E.)
	Wisbech
	Clackmannan
	Houghton-le-Spring
	Camborne
	Norfolk (N.W.)
	Altrincham
	Strand (Stroud?)
	Tavistock
	Durham (S.E.)
	Cairthness
	Tyrone (N.)
	Sutherlandshire
	Lenan (Mid.)
	Lenan (N.E.)
	Poole
	Lenan (S.)
	Argyllshire
	Barnstaple
	Cornwall (W.)
	Hexham
	Worcester (N.)
	Cardiganshire
	LABOURITES
	Stafford (N.W.)
	Derby (N.E.)

NATIONALISTS

Westmeath (N.)

Waterford (W.)

Cork (N. E.)

UNIONIST GAINS:

Late Member Late Mai.

Charter ... Mr. F. J. Martin (L.) 99

Dartford ... Mr. J. Rowlands (Lab.) 2,304

Devizes ... Mr. F. N. Bogen ... 614

East Grinstead ... Mr. C. H. Corbett (L.) 262

Oundle ... Mr. S. Nicholls (Lab.) 715

Watford ... Mr. N. Micklem (L.) 1,476

Guildford ... Mr. W. H. Cowan L.1,200

LIBERAL GAINS:

Gainsborough ... Major Renton ... 851

Durham (S.E.) ... Hon. F. W. Law ... (unop.)

In the December number of "India's Education," the Bombay educational magazine, some new and amusing examples are given of English as it is spoken, or rather, "written" by budding Indian students. The editor, in giving extracts from an essay on "The town in which I live," set to matriculation students, remarks that "at present the average essay is much more creditable to the author's powers of mental application and refinement than to his powers of creation, construction or manipulation."

One youth, for instance, commenced with a fine paragraph from G. P. B. James, beginning:

"Towans the close or an autumn day, a west wind

blowing, small cavalcades might be seen

winding down 'st' to the boy's native village.

Then follows a description from a school guide of the Taj Mahal by "Moonlight applied to the village school, somewhat marred by the concealing sentance," and we beheld the hole

sticking reflected upside down in the pond

erected by our worthy collector."

The schoolmaster is described in the words of Addison with applicable and appropriate quotations from Goldsmith and Cooper, but again the effect is marred by the concealing and original pieces of composition. He was a stern-faced pedagog."

Some of the most amusing examples, however,

are from essays whose writers have striven to be a little more original, such as the following:

"My village is a blessing to India and all

rankins." "The sight of my garden

provides all miseries of soles."

"The thunder strikes the amazing eye of the at-looker."

"Europe Poons," "the municipality is good at

heart, but very dirty," "this Museum is full of

dead corpses and such other beautiful things."

"He is a well defined stout King," and "Many

of the buildings of Ahmedabad are never seen

anywhere else."

The Chamber of Deputies has been cut off by the water and the members have to be carried in and out on the shoulders of the attendants.

THE VOLUNTEER BALL.

Not the least important of the many big social functions held in the Colony during the winter months is the annual ball given by the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps. Since its inception this event has always been an unequalled success, and last night's ball proved no exception to the rule. The attendance was larger than usual, and the well-selected programme of twenty-two dances afforded considerable pleasure to all on the floor.

The decorations, as usual, were of military design, there being an abundance of steel glistening among the flags and greenery which adorned the walls. The pillars at the entrance to the hall were entwined with leaves, while the inter-spaces were occupied with foliage from which peeped the grim muzzles of two 2.95 guns. The mellowed, light of vari-coloured Japanese lanterns, which were suspended from the ceiling, enhanced the artistic effect of these decorations. The balustrades of the lower stairway were hidden by pot plants, while two flags hanging from the landing above and draped curtains served as an entrance to the hall of revelry. Passing through these, a large electric reflector on the landing of the first flight of steps dashed rays of welcome on the guests. On the wall above this hung the flag of the Volunteers, displaying their well-known motto. On either side were large oil paintings, the one on the left-hand depicting a Beer, and the one on the right-hand, emblazoned in leaves, displaying a Scout. In the greenery which stretched across the landing were four Maxim guns, while the walls on all sides displayed circles of bayonets.

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SUPREME COURT.

Friday, January 28th.
In Original Jurisdiction.
Before the Full Court.

THE BALE MISSION LIBEL CASE.
The decision of their Honours Mr. W. Rees Davies (Acting Chief Justice) and Mr. H. H. J. Gomperts (Puisne Judge) on the points of law raised in the libel action brought by the Bale Mission against the Chinese newspaper *Sheng Po* was delivered yesterday.

Mr. W. Slade, instructed by Mr. F. B. Deacon (of Messrs. Deacon, Locker & Deacon), represented the plaintiffs, and the defendants were represented by Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., instructed by Mr. Otto Kong Sing.

The Chief Justice, in delivering the judgment of the Full Court, stated that this was an action for libel brought against the proprietors and editor of the *Sheng Po* newspaper by the President in Hongkong of the Bale Evangelical Missionary Society, which is constituted a corporation sole by Ordinance No. 2 of 1896. The article complained of was published in the paper on December 24th, 1908, and was alleged to have been printed and published of the plaintiff in relation to the plaintiff's business or profession, and the carrying on or conduct thereof. The article complained of is to be a narrative of an occurrence at the Society's hospital at Ho Yuen on December 17th. The acts related would possibly be sufficient, if they had been committed within the jurisdiction, to ground a charge of murder against the doctor, and a charge against the missionary as an accessory to the crime. In any case, the article amounted at the very least to a grave charge of professional misconduct against the doctor, misconduct suggested to have been committed with the knowledge and concurrence of the missionary. If the article was believed by those who read it, it must naturally have injuriously affected the reputation both of the doctor and the missionary. No evidence having been called for the defendants, the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiffs, with \$2,000 damages. The Chief Justice had grave doubts whether in the present action he should leave the case to the jury at all. It was a libel action pure and simple, and not an action on the case for a false statement causing damage to the plaintiff. Mr. Slade argued that as the words complained of pertained to a narrative of the acts of the plaintiff's servants, done in the regular course of the plaintiff's business, they were words which must injuriously affect the plaintiff, and this action would therefore lie. It seemed to their Lordships that when, as here, a single occurrence was related, with no suggestion of other malpractices or any reflection on the plaintiff corporation generally, that it amounted to no more than a charge, whether of criminal or merely of unprofessional conduct, against the persons referred to in the publication, and was general to them. It was no more than an imputation of gross misconduct against two of the plaintiff's servants. Their Lordships could not see that there was anything which could be construed into a statement defamatory to the Corporation itself, or its business. There was no evidence whatever that the words complained of referred to the plaintiff. Whether or not an action on the case would lie for damage suffered by the plaintiff Corporation it was not the Court's province to determine. After the very fullest consideration of the authorities referred to at the trial, and on the argument before the Full Court, their Lordships were of opinion that the plaintiff Corporation could not recover damages in this action as for a libel on itself, and that no action would lie by it in its corporate capacity herein. They desired to add that they had arrived at this conclusion with regret, as the article contained charges against the employees of the Society of a grossly defamatory and obviously false character. Judgment would be for the defendants with costs.

Mr. Slade—In consequence of your Lordships' last statements, I would ask the Court to exercise its jurisdiction and refuse costs.

The Chief Justice—We don't think we ought to interfere with the costs.

Mr. Slade—Will your Lordships stay execution for a limited time to enable us to consider the question of appeal? This is a very important matter.

The Chief Justice—I quite agree. How long do you want?

Mr. Slade—The appeal will have to be by special leave, because it is under the statutory amount.

The Chief Justice—Execution will be stayed for fourteen days, and you will have liberty to apply within that time.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:

On the 28th at 12.10 p.m.—The barometer has fallen rapidly in N.E. Japan owing to the depression which is moving into the Pacific to the North of Hokkaido.

The barometer has risen rapidly on the N.E. coast of China and fallen slightly over S. China and the London.

Areas of high pressure are lying over N. China and over the Pacific to the South of Japan.

The monsoon is likely to freshen in the Formosa Channel and the N. part over the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:

Hongkong & Neighbourhood E. to N.E. winds, moderate to fresh, fair.

Formosa Channel N.E. winds, freshening.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Japan S. same as No. 1.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan S. same as No. 1.

Hongkong and Hainan S. same as No. 1.

LOCAL SPORT.

FIIXTURES AT A GLANCE.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

BUFS v. TELEGRAPH.

Happy Valley, 2.15 p.m.

Kowloon, 2.15 p.m.

Civil Service v. R.E.

Happy Valley, 2.15 p.m.

TEAMS.

BUFS—Capt. Baird, Lt. Green, Norman, Wedd and Hart, Sgt. Kelly, L. Corp., Wyndham, L. Corp., Hill, and Pitts, Miller, Willis and Coleman.

TELEGRAPH—Doddwell & C.C.—R. B. Beattie (Captain), E. C. Oliver, R. E. H. Oliver, S. Lock, E. G. Barrett, C. T. Rose, W. Manning, E. A. G. May, C. E. Shields, W. Waterhouse, and A. H. Young.

Kowloon—J. Robinson, W. F. Brewer, W. L. Weaver, J. H. Mead, Lt. G. G. Richardson, W. T. Elson, D. J. Mackenzie, Lt. Weaver, W. Curwen, H. O. Brown, F. Sutton and H. Bair.

H.K.C.C.—A. MacKenzie, E. Irving, B. C. Hagen, J. Hall, P. Jacks, T. M. Knott, S. Robinson, F. E. Long, H. Sweeting, B. F. Chapman and Rev. H. B. Wells.

CIVIL SERVICE—H. T. Jackson (Capt.), F. A. Biden, L. E. Brett, H. Ellis, P. Lamb, J. McEliven, A. R. Raven, E. B. Reed, A. R. Sutherland, A. M. Thornhill and R. C. Withnell (Lt. Capt.), A. P. Addison, Lt. Williams, Power, Keene, Curran, McGregor, Campion, Tavener, Harrison, Trew and Smith.

OTHER CRICKET.

Watson's v. Naval Yard.

Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

"Over 30" v. "Under 30".

Club Ground, 1.45 p.m.

TEAMS.

Watson's—Spittle, Tarrant, Phillips, Sparge, H. Rapp, Taylor, Williams, Crank, Happer, Hay and Musket.

NAVAL YARD—Gill, Carter, Cohen, Adams, Tudgey, Wilcock, Cummings, Ferter, Armstrong, Pile and Alps.

"Over 30"—J. H. M. Beadle, D. Clapham, A. C. Ellerbeck, H. Hancock, H. Liebmann, C. L. Mayhew, W. H. Maundrell, E. B. Noble, H. D. Sharpen, W. C. D. Turner and A. N. Other.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

First Division.

E.G.A. v. Naval Yard.

Naval Ground, 4 p.m.

Referee, Q. M. S. Barnfather, R.E.

TEAMS.

E.G.A.—Beadle, Oxley and West; Walker, Lt. Bagnall and Hewitt; Cramp and Ansell; Watts; Nash and Bellis.

N.Y.—Anderson, J. C. Joughin and Hardinge; Dunley, Brown and Hanning; Wilks and Watkins; Read; Sullivan and Dalsell.

Second Division.

A. Coy. v. B.O.C.

Causeway, 4 p.m.

Referee, Pte. Foulkes A.S.C.

B. Coy. v. M.M.C.

Parade Ground, 4 p.m.

Referee, Spr. McKenzie, R.E.

87 Coy. v. 83 Coy.

Military Ground, 2.30 p.m.

Referee, Captain Scarlett, R.E.

OTHER FOOTBALL.

BUFS v. H.K.F.C.

Military Ground, 4 p.m.

Referee, Gunner Marsh, R.E.

TEAMS.

H.K.C.C.—Kew, Hamilton and McCubbin, Morrison, Barlow and Ironside, Goldenberg and Whittematch; Gregory, Jocelyn and Danby.

BUFS—Black, Ruler and Beadle, Dore, Wren and Cooper, Cloke and Taylor, Brewster, Maitland and Barker.

RUGBY.

Hongkong v. Navy.

Club Ground, 1.30 p.m.

TEAM.

Hongkong—Shaw, Oliver, Bayly, Kilby, and Gil; Claxton and Mollrett; Lester, Thicknesse, Robertson, Wolfe, Courtney, Templey, Ravachill and Hone.

BOXING.

The fight which is due to take place at the City Hall to-night between Bellamy and Lewis is one of the most important that has taken place in the Colony for years. Both men are in splendid condition and a keen contest is anticipated, and although from enquiries that have been made in various quarters Lewis would seem to be the favourite, the difference in support is so slight that there is every likelihood of at least fifteen of the twenty-five rounds being contested before a decision will be arrived at.

PEDESTRIANISM.

The Lusitano Recreation Club's annual "Go-as-you-please" race will be held on Sunday.

Judges: Messrs. C. de M. V. Ribeiro, M. E. da Silva and C. P. Remedios; Starter: Mr. A. E. S. Alves; Timers: Messrs. C. M. S. Alves, A. J. V. Ribeiro; Referee: Messrs. A. G. da Rocha, F. X. Britto, P. da Rosa, J. M. Britto, J. O. Remedios, C. E. Franco, F. J. Barrett, O. P. Rosario, M. V. Leon, R. M. da Cunha, and J. C. V. Ribeiro.

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Wong-nai-chong, up Wong-nai-chong Gap to Bowen Road, Albany Road, Calve Road, and finish in front of Italian Current Gdns.

List of Competitors—L. O. Cordeiro, T. A. Alves, A. C. Rosario, L. E. Remedios, A. P. Remedios, Ang. A. Baptista, B. Vizera, F. A. Xanovic, F. M. da Cruz, A. P. Baptista, J. F. Castro, V. F. Atvedo, F. N. Graco, Oporto, Honor Remedios, C. H. Lopes, Frank Scarce, and F. A. Parada.

The winner last year was Mr. F. M. da Cruz; time, 68 m. 55. sec.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

BUFS and H.E. tried conclusions on the Military Ground yesterday afternoon, when a drawn game resulted. Power made 106 not out for the Buffs.

HOCKEY.

The tie in the Hongkong Hockey Challenge Cup competition have just been drawn. The Hongkong Hockey Club met the 15th Regt. in the first round, and the following have been awarded byes—Queen's College, H.K.S.B.R.G.A., Boys' Own Club, 105th Mahatras, United Services R.C., The Buffs, and R.G.A. The first round is to be completed by 22nd February.

At the committee meeting on the 24th inst. it was resolved that all cup matches shall be refereed by umpires selected by the Clubs concerned from the following list—Capt. Waller, 105th Mahatras; Captain Clapham, R.A., Lt. Norman, the Buffs; Lt. Bennett, Lt. H. G. May, C. E. Shields, W. Waterhouse, and R.G.A.; Lieut. Ford, 105th Mahatras; Lieut. Taylor, H.K.S.B.R.G.A.; Mr. T. H. King, Mr. H. L. O. Garrett and Mr. R. A. Carvalho.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

The quarterly meeting of the above Club was held at Happy Valley from 22nd to 24th January with the following results:

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* B. O. Hutchinson ... 1 3 down

Lt. E. Monizith ... Sor. 5

Capt. Clapham ... 5 5 "

E. Davidson ... 7 5 "

Lt. Col. Chamberlain ... 3 6 "

Major Close ... 4 6 "

† Winner of Cup and Pool.

Cup 27 entries. Pool 16 entries.

THE RULES OF THE CRICKET LEAGUE.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS.]

Hongkong, 28th January, 1910.

DEAR SIR—I wish to take exception to the remarks of "Observer" in your Sporting Notes of Thursday's issue on the Buffs and Kowloon match. The lines are obviously intended to infer that the latter team were unsportmanlike and caused the match to be drawn. He says this seems an "unjust arrangement." Surely he must know there can be no arrangement in the matter, and that once a ball has been bowled in a League match the game, if unfinished, is a draw, and cannot be replayed. If, as he states, the "Sappers and Telegraphs decided to try conclusion at a future date, then I think I am correct in saying that they are breaking the rules; but, on the other hand, if I am wrong, I am sure Kowloon will be only too glad to replay the game; in fact we are now in communication with the League Committee on the subject.

Captain Baird, of the Buffs, has kindly allowed his letter to me on the subject to be published, which I think clearly shows that there was no unsportmanlike action, but both teams mutually agreed that the ground was unplayable.—Yours faithfully,

J. H. MEAD.

(Captain Baird's letter says—"I quite agree with what you say, but I think you might add that it would be as well for 'Observer' to confine his remarks to things that he has actually observed, and that it is unusual for cricket to be played under such weather conditions as existed on Saturday, irrespective of whether one side happened to be in a winning position or not. To start matters I did not see that our position on Saturday in any way assured a victory. Supposing it had, none of us had any desire for the weather conditions to give us a win. You might also say that the original proposal to abandon the match came from me some time before we had obtained the 200 runs, and that I still recommended the game to be abandoned on completion of our innings." We shall be very pleased to replay the match, but perhaps it would be as well to consult the League Committee to find out the law under such conditions.)

"Observer" replies as follows—"There was a misunderstanding somewhere, and neither stated nor intimated that there was any lack of sportsmanship on either side, but merely that the rules were at fault in allowing a match to be declared a drawn game when it had to be abandoned owing to climatic conditions. However, it is just as well that the matter has been raised, as the rules do not make this point clear enough, a fact which is evidenced by the Sappers and Telegraphs agreeing to replay their unfinished game. With reference to the remark that "it is unusual to play cricket under such weather conditions as existed on Saturday," I think that the emphasis is on the point which the paragraph was intended to convey, viz., that it is the rules which were altered.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 7th February, 1910, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1909.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 3rd February, to MONDAY, the 7th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors
A. SHELTON HOOVER,
Secretary to the

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.
General Agents for the
WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LTD.
Hongkong, 29th January, 1910. [232]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 19th day of February, 1910, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1909.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to 19th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be affected.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers
Hongkong, 27th January, 1910. [223]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 6, Connaught Road, on SATURDAY, 5th February, 1910, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1909, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 31st January, until SATURDAY, the 5th February, 1910, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOME & CO.,
General Managers
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1910. [211]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel Mansions, on TUESDAY, the 8th February, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, declaring a Dividend and confirming the appointment of a Director and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th January to the 8th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors
W. E. CLARKE,
Secretary
Hongkong, 17th January, 1910. [180]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers
Hongkong, 27th January, 1910. [223]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on MONDAY, the 31st January, 1910, at 4 P.M. precisely, in the CITY HALL, for the following purposes:

(1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1909.

(2) To elect a New Committee.

(3) To transact any general business.

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1910. [219]

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A. M. MARSHALL,
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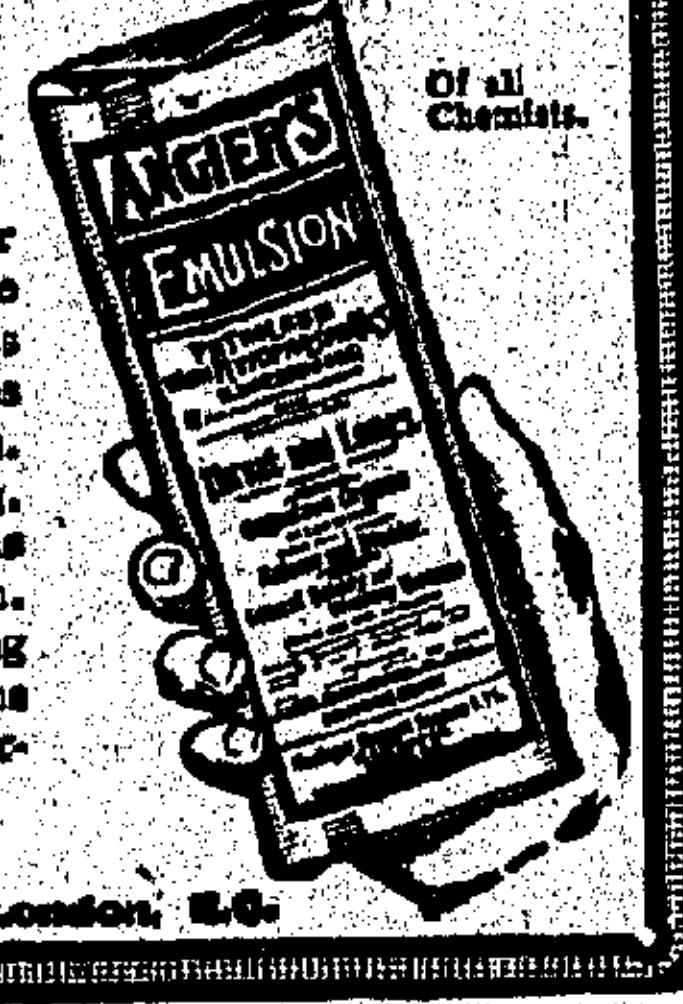
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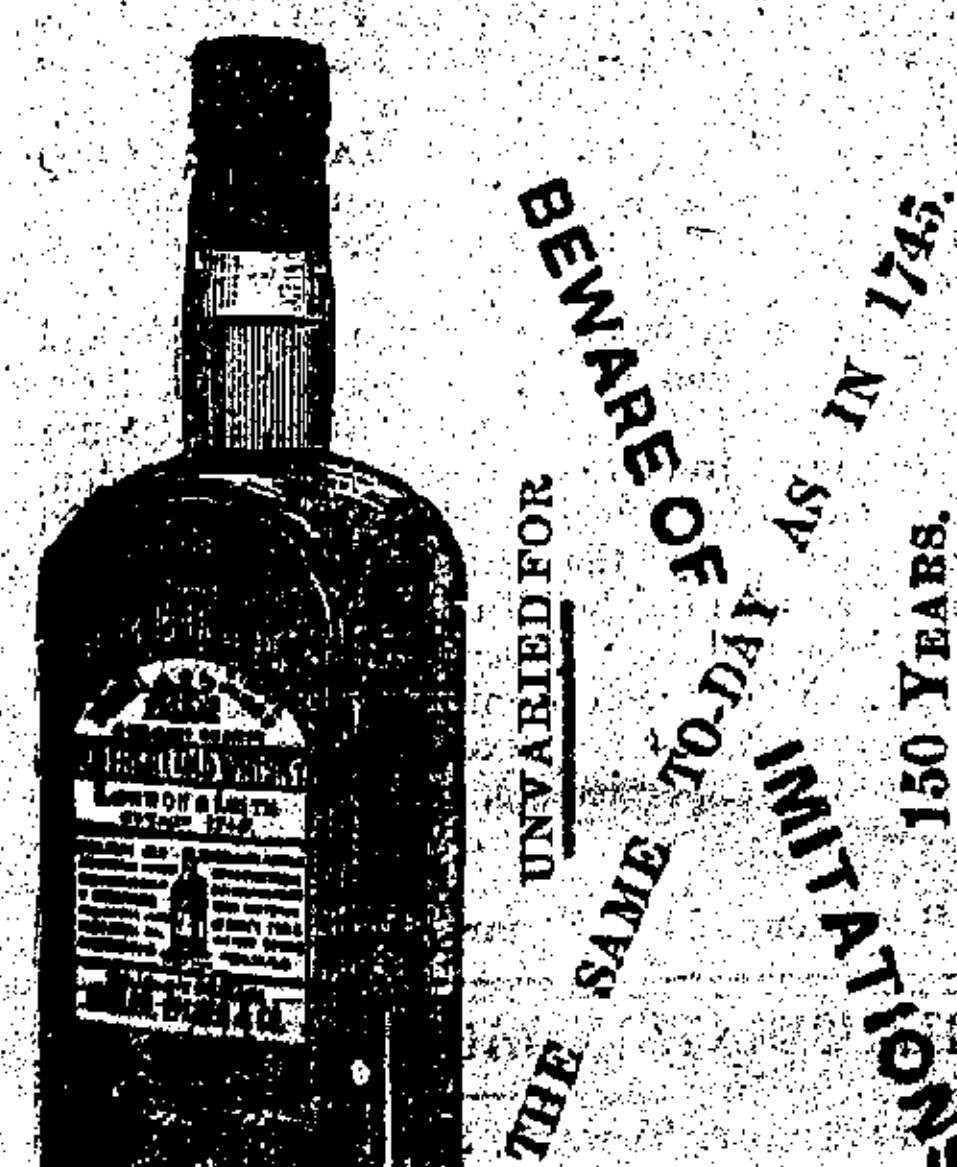
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JOINT STOCK SHARES.

MESSRS. VERNON & SMYTH in their weekly share report dated 28th January state:—Our local market continues dull and inactive, and we have but little business to report. Rates on the whole show a slightly downward tendency, and sellers of most stocks predominate. Rubbers have been a very active market, and a large miscellaneous business has been transacted at improving rates. Exchange on London closes at 1/93 and on Shanghai at 743.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai have ruled very quiet, and with several small lots on offer at 1,000, the rate fell to 995, at which a small sale is reported. The market closed steady at the latter rate with an inclination to buy. Nationals have improved to 68 with buyers, but as there are practically no shares on the market the rate must be regarded more or less as a nominal one.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions have changed hands at 905, 907 and 910, closing steady at the last rate. Other stocks under this heading, showing no change, and with no business to report, call for no comment.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkong has declined in the absence of buyers to 365, at which some small lots are now obtainable. Claims remain at 181 with some small sales.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao remain very neglected, and at time of closing shares are procurable to a small extent at 313. Indos continued neglected locally, but there are buyers in the North at 11s. 4d. Shells have slightly improved in London to 67, but we have no local business to report. Other stocks under this heading call for no remarks.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars are neglected with sellers at 158 and no sales to report. Luioua have been placed during the week at 19 and 20, and close with buyers at the former and sellers at the latter rate.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands have found further buyers at 924 or the dividend of \$33 paid on the 26th inst. West Points are quoted steady at 422 ex the dividend of \$1.80 paid on the 26th inst. Some small sales of Kowloon Lands have taken place at 271 and 301. The Company's meeting will take place on the 7th prox., the transfer books closing on the 3rd prox. The accounts show an improvement on last year's working, and a dividend of 22¢ per share is recommended by the directors, as against 51¢ for last year. Hotels have further improved to 61 and 51 for old and new, respectively. Humphreys are weaker with sellers at 73.

MINING.—Langkats have further advanced to 1,020 in the North. Kaipings have declined to 173. Raubs remained level.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong Whampoa Docks with a small demand have advanced to 55 after sales at 52, 53, and 54 during the week. Kowloon Wharves have been done at 55, but further buyers at that rate remain unsold, and there are no sellers under 61 at time of closing. Shanghai Docks have further appreciated to 83. Hongkow Wharves show weakness at 123.

COTTON MILLS.—Ewes have declined to 131 in the North. Internationals have receded to 68, Lao Kung Mows to 97, and Soy Chees to 40. The last three quotations are taken from the latest Shanghai circulars.

RUBBERS.—The market has been very active and a large business transacted during the week at advancing rates. United Sardines have been a strong feature and many shares have changed hands at from 85/- to 92/-. Ledbury have been firmer and a fair business has been put through at from 58/- to 60/-, the market closing with buyers at the latter rate. Liugree, after sales in the early part of the week at 39/- close with buyers at 33/-. Anglo-Malays with an unsold demand both local and from London have improved to 20/- after some small sales at 18/- and 19/-. Shelfords show a considerable improvement and after sales at 40/- 42/- and 46/- can probably be placed at 45/- Singapore Paras have advanced to 55/- with sales. Sandwicks have been negotiated in fair quantities at 8/- 823. Highlands have improved to 85/- but there are some shares on offer at that rate. Sapongs are now enquired for at 25/- but there are no local sellers. Damansars, Con-Malays, and Golconde have all been in demand at advanced rates, but we have heard of no sales. Sungki Karpas have advanced considerably and are now in demand at 105/-.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Provs. have declined to 92 with sales. Electricals have found buyers at 20, and more shares are wanted at the rate. Ions, after sales at the reduced rate of 175, are on offer at times of closing. We have nothing further to report under this heading.

KHARTUM FOR TOURISTS.
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The attractions are probably such things as the distance from civilization, or, rather, from the more beaten paths of civilization. It is not everyone who can go to Khartum. It requires a certain amount of determination to face the journey. There is no crowd of tourists. The number who can possibly get there at once is strictly limited by the amount of accommodation available on the desert trains, for the few the desert railway does take it in comfort.

A further attraction is no doubt the glorious climate in the winter—the certainty of brilliant sunshine, the desert air, keen and bracing and so extraordinarily dry that blankets, &c., will crackle and sparkle with electricity continually when handled—a unique place for persons with consumptive or rheumatic tendencies.

To be added to this are the perfect sanitation of the place and freedom from disease and dirt. The scorching rays of the sun make short work of all noxious insect life or germs of disease. Already bicycles are becoming common in Khartum; and two or three have penetrated into Omdurman. The electric tramway may in future years set one down at the Khalifa's Tomb or the Mahdi's Tomb.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

PARISH CHURCH.—Holy Communion 8 a.m. every Sunday.

WELSHMAN CHURCH.—Wanchai.—Sunday Service 10.45 a.m. and 6.0 p.m. Preacher: Rev. J. A. A. Baker. Subject for Sunday evening: "The History of Jesus." 10.0 p.m. Sunday School. Thursday, 7.30 p.m. Chapel's Bible Class.

SAILORS' CHURCH.—Arapel Street.—Sunday, 3 p.m. P. S. A. 8 p.m. Chapel Meeting conducted by Mr. Colling. Monday, 6 p.m. Fellowship Meeting. Wednesday, Grand Bazaar to be opened at 8 p.m. by Lady May. Saturday, 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.—Queen's Road, West-Singapore.—Sunday, 8th January, 1910. Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. Matins, 11 a.m. Vespers, 6.30 p.m. Psalm 31 (St. David). Anthem: "Soek yo the Lord" (Roberts). Noon Communion. Hymn 405. 6 p.m. Worship, Hymns, 109, 444, 172, 371. Wednesday, 5.45 p.m. Study Circle, Subject: "Jesus Christ and the Sick." Thursday, 9 p.m. Literary Club, Lecture on "The Life of Christ" by Mr. G. G. Alabaster. Open to Public. Friday, 8 p.m. Christian Endeavour Society, Subject: "Our Attitude towards the Bible."

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, Hongkong.—Sunday (7.30 a.m.) Matins (11 a.m.) Responses, Ferial, Venite, Hunc, Psalm of the 30th morning; Te Deum, Laudes, Cooke, Hopkins; Benedic, Te Deum, Hymn 230, 230 and 321; Kyrie, Hymn in G. Evening, 6.45 p.m.) (Full choir). Responses, Ferial, Psalms of the 30th evening; Magdalene, and Nunni Dimitris, Gosp. in A; Anthem, "The radiant moon"; Woodward; Hymns, 193 and 150; Sevenfold Amen; Voluntary, Overture to the Hymn of the Year; Mendelsohn, N.D.; Psalm 147, verses 1, 7, 12, 18; Psalm 148, verses 1, 2, 7, 8, 12; Psalm 149, verses 1, 6 and G. P. Union; Psalm 150, verses 1, 0 (Bumphrey's union).

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Kowloon.—Sanggaihama Sunday, 20th January, 1910. Morning Service at 11 a.m. Holy Communion at Noon. Sunday School at 2.30 p.m. in British School. Evening Service at 6 p.m.

INDIA'S BRIGHT OUTLOOK.

A RECORD YEAR OF PROSPERITY.

Writing from Bombay, a correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette says:—The coming year, it is predicted, will be a record one in prosperity.

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ARRIVALS.

DAIGI MARU, Japanese str., 364, H. Murayama, 28th Jan.—Swatow 27th Jan., Tso and Sulphur—Osaka 26th Jan.

HAINAN, British str., 535, J. W. Evans, 28th January—Swatow 27th January, General—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

KAYONG, British str., 387, Warrack, 28th January—Coban and Holo 24th January—Butterfield & Swire.

KIANG CHING, Chinese str., 23th Jan.—Canton.

KINGING, British str., 23th Jan.—Canton.

KIEL, Norwegian str., 910, T. Heilzele, 28th Jan.—Malmö 25th Jan., Balast—Aagard Thorson & Co.

KNIVSBERG, German str., 646, A. Niejahr, 26th Jan.—Hainan and Hohow 25th Jan.—General—Johens & Co.

LOONGMOON, German str., 1,971, F. Vogt, 28th Jan.—Chinkiang 19th and Shanghai 30th Jan.—General—Hamburg America Line.

PENBROKESHIRE, British str., 2,999, E. Hayes, 28th Jan.—Shanghai 25th Jan., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

RIGGA, Norwegian str., 3,826, E. H. Svendson, 27th Jan.—Portland via Japan ports 19th Jan.—General—Portland & Asiatic S.S. Co.

SEUNSTEIN, British str., 1,080, Weatherhead, 28th Jan.—Shanghai 25th January, General—Butterfield & Swire.

TEAN, British str., 1,350, A. W. Outerbridge, 28th Jan.—Malia 25th Jan., General—Butterfield & Swire.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

23rd January.

DAGY, Norwegian str., for Quang Yen.

Empress of China, British str., for Shanghai.

Hanoi, French str., for Quang Chow Wan.

Kang Ching, Chinese str., for Chinkiang.

Knight of the Thistle, British str., for Manila.

Liaozao, British str., for Singapore.

Ocean, British str., for Manila.

Tyulian, Dutch str., for Yokohama.

Zafiro, British str., for Manila.

DEPARTURES.

23rd January.

ADMIRAL EXELMANS, French str., for Shanghai.

BISSELEPHON, British str., for Manila.

COBLENZ, German str., for Australia.

GERMANY, German str., for Canton.

HAIJONGH, British str., for Swatow.

KWANGTAH, Chinese str., for Shanghai.

LINSINGH, British str., for Shanghai.

MICHAEL JENSEN, German str., for Hongay.

MONGOLIA, American str., for Shanghai.

PESSIA, Austrian str., for Singapore.

SIGNAL, German str., for Amoy.

SECHUEN, British str., for Canton.

WAISHING, British str., for Canton.

YORKE, German str., for Shanghai.

YUENSA, British str., for Manila.

ZWEMMA, British str., for Saigon.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Kaifeng* reports: Moderate

breeze and sea throughout.

The British str. *Hainan* reports: Had

moderate N.E. breeze and cloudy clear weather.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

January 28th.

KOWLOON DOCK—H.M.F.M.S. *Banba*, Amelia, Rio Lima, Honan, General, Lawton, Triumph.

TAIKOO DOCK—*Takao*, *Changchow*, *Luchow*, *Huan*, *Kalgan*, *Huchow*, *Neuchwang*, *Kansu*, *Tifatap*.

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To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k." nearest Hongkong "h" midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the SIBERIAN
Route to EUROPE.

The Armand Béthie, with the French mail of the 31st December, left Saigon on
Saturday, the 29th inst., at 4 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 1st
Feb., at daylight. This packet brings reply to letters despatched from Hongkong on the
27th November.

TO	PER	DATE
Quang Chow Wan	Suichong	Saturday, 29th, 8.00 A.M.
Quang Chow Wan, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haihong	Hanoi	Saturday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	Zafiro	Saturday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Oceano	Saturday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Lazang	Saturday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore and Colombo	Sut Tse	Saturday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Penrakesshito	Chihli	Saturday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Saigon	Haihun	Saturday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow	Quarta	Saturday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
Saigon	Trump	Saturday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
Tsingtao, Weihaiwei and Chefoo	Kingsong	Saturday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
Amoy	Tsiliung	Saturday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Chenan	Saturday, 29th, 6.00 P.M.
SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE	Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	Sunday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Daigai Maru	Monday, 31st, 11.00 A.M.
Saigon	Japan	Monday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
— FEBRUARY —		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Tuesday, 1st, 9.00 A.M.
EUROPE, &c., India via Tuticorin (Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to NOON. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)		
Manila	Tean Heliopolis	Tuesday, 1st, 2.00 P.M.
Durban	Taiyuan	Tuesday, 1st, 3.00 P.M.
Manila, Zamboanga, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Dunedin, Perth and Fremantle	Aki Maru	Tuesday, 1st, 5.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Washing	Wednesday, 2nd, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Tumba Maru	Thursday, 3rd, 11.00 A.M.
Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Linan	Friday, 4th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Haiyang	Friday, 4th, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Minnesota	Friday, 4th, 10.00 A.M.
Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Seattle	Printed Mater. and Sam- ples	Registration, 10.00 A.M.
NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO	Tenyo Maru	Registration, 10.00 A.M.
Manila	Loongsang	Registration, 10.00 A.M.
Manila	Ebbi	No late fee.
Kobe and Yokohama	Kanagawa Maru	Letters, 11.00 A.M.
EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TUTICORIN (Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to NOON. Extra Postage 10 cents.)	Arcadia	Saturday, 5th, 4.00 P.M.
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		
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The Parcel mail will be closed on Fri- day, 4th at 5 p.m.	Anhui	Saturday, 5th, 6.00 P.M.
SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE	Fookang	Sunday, 6th, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Taxing	Tuesday, 8th, 2.00 A.M.
Manila	Chinam	Thursday, 10th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Namang	Friday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Yuenang	Friday, 11th, 3.00 P.M.

MONEY LETTERS—The Post Office declines all responsibility for unregistered letters
containing bank notes or jewelries, and where Registration has been neglected WILL MAKE NO
ENQUIRIES into alleged losses of such (Postal Guide 121).

157 Mails for "CANTON," "WUMOW" and "SAMSHU" will be closed on week-days at 7.30 a.m.
and at 6 p.m. until further notice.

158 A Mail for MACAO is despatched per s.s. *Sui An* on week-days at 7.15 a.m., on Sundays
the mail for Macao is closed at 8 a.m.

159 Mails for NAMTAU and SABUE are closed every week-day at 6 p.m.

160 Mails for "KONGMOON" and "KUMCHUK" are closed every week-day at 6 p.m. On
Sundays the mails are closed at 9 a.m.

161 A mail for Long Island (Cheung Chow) will be despatched per steam launch *Hot Prawn*
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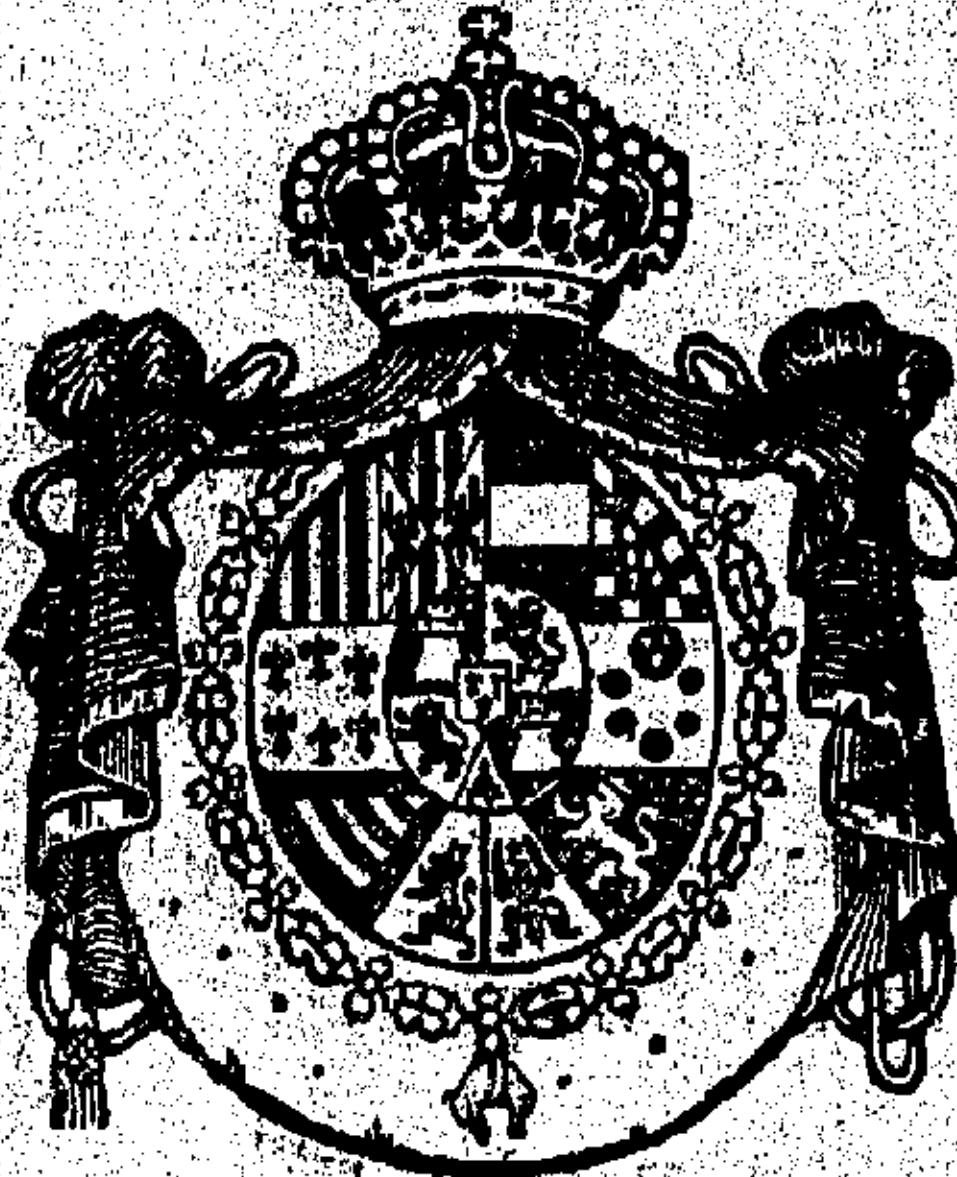
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Whether at home, at the office, in the restaurant, or in the theatre, a cup of Bovril is easily and quickly procured.

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PARIS LETTER.

WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS.

December 24th, 1909.

CHAMBER OF PARIS

Weather permitting, Christmas promises to be a more joyful season than ever this year in the French capital. The Boulevards from the Madeleine to the Bastille, which is every Christmas converted into a huge toy-fair, are thronged with sightseers and purchasers of all ages and nationality. This historical toy-fair, and the Christmas Eve supper are the two chief principal events for Parisians at this time of the year. The shops never looked more attractive, too. The greatest, which as everywhere else are slowly snuffing out the little shops, glitter with every variety of article. Though dolls again occupy a prominent position both in shops and bazaars or booths, the craze is unmistakably for scientific toys of every description. To only mention one instance: the aeroplane flourishes everywhere and is most in demand. The aeroplane seems to have been done to death this Christmas in Paris; it is to be found in every shape and form; thus, it floats daintily in cardboard, in sace or bags of sweets. It is also the real thing in miniature for the nursery, while it also finds mimetic expression in military and other articles of feminine wear. The jewellers, too, have caught the idea, for they have produced a gift of flying machines as a decorative emblem for the arm and neck. Aeroplanes and nothing but aeroplanes are wanted by everyone. It is the custom for children in France to receive presents both at Christmas and New Year; parents prefer to celebrate Le Jour de l'An when the whole of the day is absorbed in giving and taking. It is truly the children's fete day in France; every boy and girl before going to bed on Christmas Eve places his and her pair of shoes—not stockings, as in England—on the hearth, in the hope that good St. Nicholas will place toys and sweets therein. Parents frequently tell their children it is "L'Enfant Jesus" who comes down the chimney and leaves presents for good little children and rods for bad ones. Innocence naturally believes this; many mothers on Christmas Eve assist their children to write a letter to either the Christ-child or St. Nicholas, stating what they would prize most. It would be a great pity were this old-time custom to die out, since it affords so much pleasure to their offspring.

Christmas week—or La Semaine de Noël—is always a most attractive time in this gay city. There is so much to do that everyone seems busy. This year, several of the great stores have adopted new and attractive panoramic window designs. One represents a picture of Polar exploration, with Cook and Peary and their followers in Arctic dress. Another window presents a scenic railway with a tiny train running through tunnels and careering over viaducts. Another is a jungle scene, clearly in allusion to Mr. Roosevelt's exploit in Africa. Fairy scenes are numerous. They all succeed in drawing children, and ultimately in inducing fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters to enter and buy. Some shops have converted their windows into a Punch and Judy show, performances being given all day long to the accompaniment of shrill and popular music and songs. In fact, every device is resorted to at this time of the year to make children and their parents happy.

THE OPERA SUBVENTIONS.

Certain provincial Deputies have for some time past been agitating in favour of a reduction in the subventions granted annually by the State to the Opera and Opera Comique. All their efforts in this direction have so far failed. However beautiful provincial cities are they are not Paris. The latter is not only the capital of France, but the artistic capital of the world. In other words, Paris is the greatest instrument of assimilation and the great vehicle of distribution. Paris leads, the others follow. This is precisely the cause of all the trouble. The provinces are naturally jealous of the capital, have always been, and always will be. Their representatives in Parliament fail to see why the State does not accord them the same privilege; if the Opera and Opera Comique are voted a few hundred thousand francs every year, why ignore leading provincial theatres? Provincial Deputies will not admit the superiority of the capital. No one denies that the provinces continue to make strenuous efforts to produce the best class of masterpieces, including new works, but between admiring such enterprise and subventioning provincial theatres a vast gulf exists. Paris, as here before, must continue to take all the money and get all the glory.

THE NEW SOCIAL EPOCH.

It will be remembered what a lively sorting the French Budget had a few weeks ago in the Chamber. What may have escaped the attention of many people at the time is the fact that this protracted debate on the general principles of the Budget marks the beginning of a new social epoch—the epoch in which social questions are superseded by political questions in the old sense of the word. This Budget, it will have been noted, insisted upon social justice in the redistribution of the load of taxation. "What?" exclaims M. Cochet, "what might we not have done for the material and social progress of France with the 50 millions which the war of 1870 has cost us?" The interest on the war-loans of the past is one of the heaviest charges which the tax-payers of 1910 have to meet. The Government, according to M. Cochet, is ready to consider M. Jaurès' project for a State monopoly of alcoholic liquors, also a scheme for the State monopoly of assurance business. The whole question of criminal procedure in France is to be referred to a special commission, as a result

of the recent legal outrages in the notorious Steinheil case. As will be seen, we are on the eve of important reforms in France.

A BREACH OF PROMISE CASE.

The Civil Court of St. Etienne has just awarded a young woman 2,000 francs damage for breach of promise of marriage. Her fiancé had broken off a two years' engagement without any reason on the day that the banns were published. This is the first action for breach of promise in which a verdict with damages has ever been given in France. Another proof of the extreme cordiality, says the French Press.

STRIKES.

Strikes never did pay in France, and are not likely to do so for many years to come, owing to lack of organization. After lasting ten weeks, the grave or strike of the Lille weavers has come to an end. The loss in wages during that period has amounted to 1,200,000 francs. The masters successfully resisted the claims of the men's union to negotiate, and the agreement has been drawn up between masters and men of each mill separately. The strike in question, which was a serious one, affected no fewer than 22 mills.

CHILD BEGGARS.

Taking pattern after Germany, M. Lepine, the Prefect of Police, has decided to put an end to the shameful traffic carried on in this City—particularly at holiday time, in child-exploitation. The majority of the beggars one meets with children in Paris are infamous scoundrels who do not hesitate to hire, buy, or kidnap children for the purpose of assisting them in their work of solicitation. Far too many young children are to be met with also selling in the gutter. This disgraceful state of things exists no more in Berlin, thanks to the police authorities there forbidding any child under 12 years of age in the streets. Of course, where children are exhibited their presence excites greater pity. Few people can resist the appeal of a pimply woman appealing to the passer-by for bread for herself and children. Charitable persons do not stop to make enquiries, otherwise they would be horrified. M. Lepine has luckily resolved to put down the traffic in "beggars' babies." It is principally at the approach of winter (Christmas and New Year) are ideal times—that exploiters of these unfortunate infants commence their odious operations.

Dr. Desnoes is one of the few medical gentlemen in Paris who has made a personal investigation of the question. The following are the results of his inquiries in his own locality. While making a tour of the Rue de Grenelle and the streets in the neighbourhood a few nights ago, when very stormy and intensely cold, he encountered exactly 48 women exploiting children. Regarding 21 of these so-called "mothers," he could get no information at all, and of the other 27 this was what he learned. Twenty-four of them were sent out to beg by their husbands, three of them with their own consent. Ten of these to be made appeal to the passer-by had each four children; eight had three; and nine only two. The ages of the women ranged from twenty-four years to thirty-five. Nineteen of them had a trade or profession; the others had none. All, with the exception of two, were married to drunken husbands, and twelve depended entirely on the proceeds of their incendiary for the upkeep of the household. All that is bad enough, but in addition it must be remembered that constant exposure to all sorts of weather ends in irreducibly compromising the health of the little victims. The ages of the 27 infants examined ranged from six to thirteen months. All except two had been brought up on the bottle; eleven had bronchitis, three suffered from pneumonia, two the measles, while another was afflicted with an intestinal affection. All this meant certain death for all these children before long! This, it appears, is of no consequence, for as soon as one dies, it is immediately replaced by another. It is the easiest thing in the world to borrow a child from a neighbour. There still exists a "children's market" in Paris, where for 1 franc 50 centimes a day anyone desiring to obtain the loan of an infant for beggar purposes, with the condition that it would be "changed" for a second child if anything happened to the first, could do so. It is high time a stop was put to such a scandalous and infamous speculation.

M. Lepine is the man for the occasion; he will not rest until, like his Berlin colleagues, he has completely wiped out this blot from off the French countenance, which is unworthy of any civilized country.

THE "TRAGIC WIDOW."

There was no great desire to possess any

relics of the "Tragic Widow" when Madame Steinheil's effects were offered for sale at auction

at the Hotel Drouot last Saturday, though a large crowd was present.

The contents of the Steinheil villa in the Impasse Ronan only

realized a little over 25,000 francs, the sale last

ing from 2 to 11.30 p.m. The attendance was

chiefly composed of sightseers rather than

purchasers. The highest price was realized by

Bonnat's portrait of Mme. Steinheil, which was

sold to Maitre Alibert, a celebrated French

baronist, for 3,250 francs. When submitted,

the portrait raised a storm of interest. The hus-

band's portrait of his wife went for 180 francs.

Other paintings by the murdered husband

realized but small prices, from 50 to 240

francs. The famous half clock, which was

stopped at ten minutes after midnight on

the night of the crime, was sold for 260

francs. A painting by Mme. Steinheil was sold

for 10 francs.

THE AEROPLATE INDUSTRY.

The coming of the aeroplane and the general

setting down of the motor industry are the

causes for the abandonment of the celebrated

Grand Prix motor race in France. Motor-

racing was always a matter of advertising

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DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
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Hongkong, 15th January, 1909. [908]

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Hongkong, 25th January, 1910. [216]

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 22nd prox., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 23rd inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1910. [205]

FROM EUROPE.

THE HAL Steamship

"SEGOVIA".

Captain Sachs, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained against Bills of Lading countersigned by the Undersigned.

Optional Cargo will be carried on unless notice to the contrary be given before To-DAY. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th inst. will be subject to rent.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1910. [214]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From EUROPE

THE Company's Steamship

"CABMARSHENSHIRE".

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in Godowns, where they will be examined at 9.30 A.M. on the 1st Feb., No. The Claims will not be admitted after goods have left the Godowns nor will they be recognized if presented after 10 days of vessel's arrival here.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1910. [227]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"YORK"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

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All Claims must reach us before the 7th Feb., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELCHERS & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1910. [5]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "KNIGHT OF THE THISTLE".

FROM TACOMA, SEATTLE, VANCOUVER, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-charge and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1910. [212]

THE BANK LINE LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1910. [8]

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25th January 1910.

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Ham Ngau York—Corned Beef..... 20

Ham Ngau Nam—Beef, of Beef..... 18

Tong Yok—Beef for soup..... 15

Ngau Yok Pa—Beef Steak..... 20

Ngau Yok Chikong—Sausages..... 20

Ngau No—Beef Brains..... 16

Ngau Lao—Beef Steak Sirloin 18..... 20

Ngau La—Bullock's Tongue, fresh, each..... 50

Ham Ngau La—corned..... 60

Ngau Sam—Bullock's Head..... 80

Ham Ngau Kin—Beef Heart, Ib. 13

Ham Ngau Kin—Beef Hump, salt..... 18

Ham Ngau Kin—Beef Kidney..... 18

Ngau Moi—Bullock's Tail..... 18

Ngau Kon—Bullock's Liver..... 12

Ngau T'ui—Bullock's Tripes, undressed..... 10

Ngau T'ui—Tau Kok—Calves' head and Foot, each \$1.00

Ying Po—Leg of Mutton Chops..... 22

Yang Shau—Mutton Shoulder..... 20

Yong T'au—Sheep's Head and Feet..... 6

Yong Sam—Sheep's Heart, Ib. 6

Yong In—Sheep's Kidneys, each 9

Ying Kon—Sheep's Liver, Ib. 24

Ch' Nai—Pig Brains, per pair 2

Ch' Nai—Pig's Eye..... 11-25

Ch' Nai—Pig's Head..... 18

Ch' Nai—Pig's Heart..... 9

Ch' Nai—Pig's Liver..... 30

Ch' Nai—Pig's Tongue..... 20

Ch' Nai—Pig's Tripes..... 25

Ch' Nai—Pig's Foot..... 25

Ch' Nai—Pig's Ear..... 20

Ch' Nai—Pig's Tail..... 20

Ch' Nai—Pig's Brain..... 10

Ch' Nai—Pig's Heart..... 10

Ch' Nai—Pig's Liver..... 10